

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD[621]

Notice of Termination

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 20.6(5), the Public Employment Relations Board terminates the rule making initiated by its Notice of Intended Action, published herein as **ARC 8318B**, to amend Chapter 7, "Impasse Procedures," Iowa Administrative Code. Those amendments were also Adopted and Filed Emergency as **ARC 8317B**, and became effective November 1, 2009. The amendments, part of the Board's plan to deal with the most recent across-the-board reductions in agency budgets, implemented a filing fee payable by a party who chooses to request a Board-appointed mediator and a processing fee payable by parties who actually schedule a mediation session with a Board-appointed mediator.

Because questions and controversy have ensued concerning the Board's authority to adopt and ability to retain and utilize the fees collected, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the agency, its regulated community and the public to effectively rescind the fees adopted in **ARC 8317B** and return to the status quo which existed prior to their adoption, and has done so by amendments Adopted and Filed Emergency which are published herein as **ARC 8338B**. The rule making commenced by **ARC 8318B**, the purpose of which was to solicit comment on **ARC 8317B**, is thus no longer necessary and is terminated.